



Patrick Francis Dio Jr.

June 14, 2026

Patrick Francis Dio, Jr. 80, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2026.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Patrick was a proud Philadelphian whose life was defined by family, friendship, hard work, and loyalty. Affectionately known as "Pat" to his family and friends, and lovingly called "Pop" by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he was a man whose presence brought comfort, laughter, and love to those around him.

He was the father of three children: Kathleen, Stephanie Perez (John), and Patrick (Alicia). He was a loving grandfather to Tara (Roy), Gianna, Ella, Joshua (Gracee), Grayson, Liam, and Harlee, and a proud great-grandfather to Harper and Bryce.

Pat was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen "Kathy" Cocciolone (Dio). He is survived by his sister, Barbara Dio; the mother of his children, Joanne Welsh Dio; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were better for knowing him.

For more than forty years, Pat worked as a truck driver, a profession that reflected his strong work ethic, dedication, and determination. He retired in 2000, having built a career and life centered around providing for those he loved.

Family was always at the center of Pat's world. He loved unconditionally and never hesitated to help someone in need. Whether it was family, a friend, or even someone he had just met, Pat would do whatever he could to lend a

hand. His generosity, kindness, and willingness to help others were among the many qualities that made him so special.

Pat was a proud Philadelphia Mummer for more than twenty years and cherished the friendships, traditions, and memories that came with it. He was also a lifelong Philadelphia Eagles fan, though many would argue that he spent just as much time criticizing the team as he did cheering for them. It was all part of the fun and part of what made him who he was.

A devoted fan of John Wayne, Pat loved westerns and could spend hours talking about World War II history, stories, and movies. He was a regular fixture at Gooley Looie's, where he enjoyed spending time with friends, sharing a meal, catching up on the latest news, and telling a story or two.

Perhaps what people will remember most about Pat were his stories. He always had one to tell, and somehow every story left people laughing.

Whether recounting a memory from years ago, sharing a lesson learned on the road, or simply telling a tale in his own unforgettable way, Pat had a gift for bringing people together through laughter. To his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, "Pop" was more than a nickname—it was a title earned through a lifetime of love, support, wisdom, and devotion.

Pat was a devoted father, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, caring brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and loyal friend. He loved his family unconditionally and would do anything for anyone who asked for his help. His kindness, humor, generosity, and unwavering love for those around him will remain with all who knew him.

If you knew Pat, chances are you heard him ask, "Can you do me a favor?" or politely add, "If it's not too much trouble." Those simple phrases reflected the kind of man he was—humble, thoughtful, and always looking out for others.

Though our hearts are broken by his passing, we take comfort in the countless memories he gave us, the lessons he taught us, the stories he shared, and the laughter he brought into our lives. His legacy will live on through his family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known him.

Patrick Francis Dio—Pat to many, Pop to those who loved him most—will be profoundly missed, forever remembered, and always loved.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing, Thursday Eve June 18, 2026 after 7 PM until 9 PM and again on Friday, June 19, 2026 after 8 AM from the Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426-30 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by his Funeral Service at 10 AM. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial PArk

550 Delsea Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080

Upcoming Events

Viewing

JUN 18. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 468-4632
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

Flowers are to be delivered by 3 PM THURSDAY

Viewing

JUN 19. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
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Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mike, Megan, Makayla and Molly Brennan purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Patrick Francis Dio Jr..



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“ Mike, Megan, Makayla and Molly Brennan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Francis Dio Jr..

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